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MEETING MINUTES OF October 4th 2018

Attendance: Dewey Burluson, Ann Cron, John Noone, John Corring, Josh, Deb Szabo

Councilman: Anthony DeRosa
Rec Director: Patty Hughes

Guests in attendance:

Scott P – Soccer
Mike L – Lacrosse

Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September needed to be updated.

Permit Approval

Arsenal soccer permits approved.

A request for an eagle scout project to make a dog park at beechwood was brought up. It is suggested that the scout comes in to talk to Patty as there may be pushback from the town. Puller suggest that Sapienza gardens is a better location for the dog park.

Rec Directors Report

Patty wants to say thank you to the committee for all their hard work on the festival, it was bigger and better than last years. There were a number of vendors and food trucks who attended (food truck list attached)

October 27th is the Halloween parade. At first there was an issue as Patty was told not to purchase from Demarest farms for the parade however the borough attorney informed her that was false and she could. She also has letters out to shoprite and wegmans for donations. The parade starts at 10 with a magic show at 11. Scott from soccer has an issue with these as the soccer kids have a clinic at George White at the same time, Patty will check if she can move the time of the parade up to 9.

On 10/17 there will be a senior lunch at St Johns, they are trying to move the lunch program to the borough. The new senior van is up and running with only a few minor issues.

12/5 is the tree lighting with a rain date of 12/6. Patty has reached out to Dunkin and Starbucks. The fingerprinting in Paramus has closed and now available in Garfield Patty will be entering what coaching requirements they have on file and what is missing on community pass. By next year the coaches will be able to upload their own documents.

A decision was made that field use will only be determined by the DPW and it will be done by 3pm during the week and 730 on the weekend. Patty will be in charge of posting this. Scott from soccer is not comfortable with this decision and does not believe it is OK. The DPW is not

trained in how to determine if a field is playable. He is happy to have a meeting and discuss this as well show the DPW how to make the proper determination so the kids play on a safe field. For example, the DPW said a field was open and yet Scott received an email from Denise saying the field was wet.

The person who runs the bridge club resigned, they are looking for someone new and it pays 600 dollars. Men's 18 plus basketball has started followed by wrestling and volleyball.

Chairman's Report

Dewey started a subcommittee for communications which has been successful, there were articles and pictures about the Hillsdale fall festival in many different newspapers. Dewey asked everyone their opinion on the festival and asked what issues they saw. Dewey was not happy that the closet was filthy and unavailable to use. Any thinks the DPW should have had more help, Deb thinks maybe just a band and no DJ, Josh suggest adding the student choir, Ann said a lot of vendors didn't know where to go and set up, Patty believes the dancers were on stage for too long. Dewey made a point to thank Lt. McLaughlin for the traffic plan which worked out well. And kudos to DPW workers Rob, Ray and Brian for the help during the festival.

Dewey wants to see an accounting of how the \$65k grant was spent. He asks why the closet is not cleaned out and dry, why the tarmac in front of the bandshell is not replaced, why the seating and benches have not been upgraded and why so much tree work was done throughout the park when the bandshell work isn't finished. He thinks all grants relating to parks should come before the commission for our review.

In terms of the list of priorities for what needs to be fixed on the fields the committee has still not received baseballs. Tony suggested a separate meeting to hash all priorities with all of the associations. This has been scheduled as a public meeting on Monday 10/29 from 7-830.

Scott reiterates his issue with the DPW making the call on if the fields should be opened. Andy also believes that 730 is too early to decide if there is a game late in the day. Anthony has been getting photos and emails regarding the conditions of the fields.

Ann wants to know how the seniors receive a permit for a picnic in the park. Patty informs her she just needs to put in a permit request.

Meeting closed at 8:07 per Dewey and seconded by Ann.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Anides

Next meeting, November 1st 2018, 7:00pm